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LB 205, 548

committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The committee amendments are adopted. Debate on advancement of the bill? Senator Schmitt, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 205 advance to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 205.

SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 205 is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, (LB) 548 by Senator Don Pederson. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19, referred to the Health Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Pederson, to open on LB 548.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 548 is a bill that's of interest both to schools and to Health and Human Services. For that reason, it was referred to Health and Human Services Committee. It was reported out without dissent. Essentially, the purpose of this bill is to provide that the schools of this state may obtain reimbursement for services they are already providing. Medicaid services have money available to reimburse schools for services rendered by the schools to the disabled and to Medicaid eligible children. At the hearing, a witness who helped administer such a program in another state says that there are millions of dollars that can be accessed by Nebraska. It is determined, based upon experience in other states, that a school district, for example, the size of Beatrice, could obtain up to a quarter of a million